THE LASKER AWARD FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION LEADING TO PUBLIC ACTION, PRESENTED THROUGH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HYGIENE, TO MIKE GORMAN OF THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN

The Board of Directors of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, Inc., having reviewed the recommendation of the Jury of Awards and the records of achievements of its nominees, hereby designate MIKE GORMAN of the <u>Daily Oklahoman</u>, Oklahoma City, to receive a Lasker Award for Public Information Leading to Public Action in Mental Health.

Mr. Gorman, through his work in the <u>Daily Oklahoman</u>, made intensive investigations and startling exposes of the deplorable conditions existing in the mental hospitals of Oklahoma.

He has also made positive presentation of more adequate psychiatric treatment programs in many states.

He has stimulated a grass-roots citizens' reform movement which resulted in the formation of the Oklahoma Committee for Mental Hygiene, Inc.

He has personally fostered the foundation of the only mental health clinic in Oklahoma.

His journalistic efforts have resulted in new mental health legislation and greatly increased appropriations.

His insight and clear interpretation of the professional viewpoint to the lay reader, and his untiring energy and relentless dedication to the cause of the mentally ill, have constituted an outstanding contribution to the advancement of mental health.



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